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THE PHOENIX FORCE HAS BEEN FRAGMENTED, WITH PORTIONS INHABITING FIVE PROMINENT X-MEN: CYCLOPS, EMMA FROST, COLOSSUS, MAGIK AND NAMOR. THEY HAVE USED THAT POWER TO RESHAPE THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER, BUT THE ALL-CONSUMING NATURE OF THE PHOENIX FORCE HAS BEGUN TO CORRUPT THEM.

THE AVENGERS TURNED TO HOPE SUMMERS, THE PHOENIX FORCE'S INTENDED HOST, IN AN EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND THE COSMIC FORCE. CYCLOPS, FRUSTRATED AT THE AVENGERS' ATTEMPTS TO INTERCEDE AND DISRUPT HIS PLANS, BEGAN A WORLDWIDE MANHUNT TO LOCATE EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES AND TAKE THEM OFF THE BOARD.

WITH THE HELP OF THE SCARLET WITCH, THE AVENGERS DEFEATED THREE MEMBERS OF THE PHOENIX FIVE, BUT IN DEFEAT EACH ONE'S POWER TRANSFERRED TO THE REMAINING MEMBERS. THE AVENGERS FELL BACK TO THEIR SAFE HAVEN OF K'UN LUN, BUT COULD NO LONGER HIDE FROM THE INCREASINGLY POWERFUL CYCLOPS, WHO ARRIVED DEMANDING HOPE BE TURNED OVER TO HIM.

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THOR

HAWKEYE

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THE THING

IRON FIST

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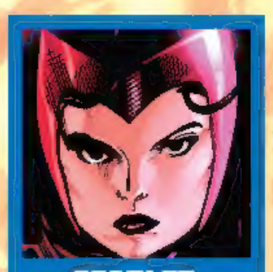
BEAST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HOPE

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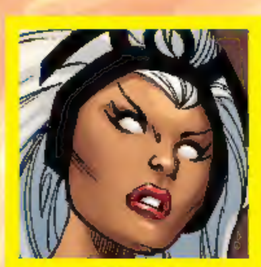
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THE WATCHER

THE PHOENIX FIVE

CYCLOPS

EMMA FROST

COLOSSUS

MAGIK

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SUNSPOT

MAGMA

X-MAN

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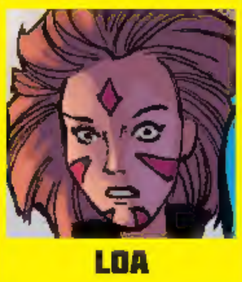
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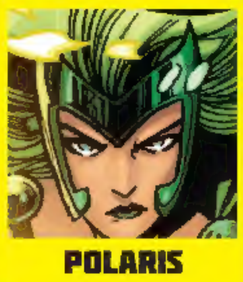
POLARIS

PRIMAL

X-MEN

THE MYSTICAL CITY OF K'UN LUN.
THE BEGINNING OF THE END.

PLAYTIME IS OVER. TIME TO FACE DESTINY, HOPE.

NOO!

WHAT THE HELL--?

EARTHQUAKE?

SCANNING... NEGATIVE.

PHOENIX ENERGY DETECTED, TWO POINT TWO MILES.

DAMN IT...IT'S TOO SOON.

"SHE ISN'T READY YET."

WHY EVEN RESIST? YOU'RE PUTTING INNOCENT PEOPLE AT RISK, FOR NO REASON.

DON'T YOU SEE WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED?

WELL... *MUSSOLINI* MADE THE TRAINS RUN ON TIME, TOO, SUMMERS...

BUT YOU'RE *NOT* TAKING THIS GIRL.

PLEASE, IRON FIST... DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.

WHEN I MOVE, YOU RUN.

NO. THIS IS MY--

FIND LEI KUNG THE THUNDERER... HE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO, IF ANYONE DOES.

BUT...?

KyAAAA--!

REALLY?

NNUUHH--!

HAVE YOU NOT BEEN PAYING ATTENTION AT ALL SINCE THE WORLD CHANGED?

YOU'RE NOTHING TO US, RAND...NONE OF YOU AVENGERS ARE.

GYYAAAHHH...

JUST... NEED... ONE...

FORGET IT.

IT'S NO USE TALKING TO YOU PEOPLE.

NONE OF YOU UNDERSTAND...

"I'M TRYING TO SAVE A WHOLE SPECIES."

C'MON, HOPE...MOVE, MOVE...

OH NOW, WHAT'S--

KRSSSH

IT'S CALLED EVERYTHING I'VE GOT LEFT, SUMMERS.

ENJOY IT.

RUSSIA.

THE VERKHOVANSK MOUNTAINS.

NO, PLEASE... YOU HAVE TO COME BACK WITH US, PROFESSOR.

IT'S TOO DANGEROUS OUT HERE.

AND THAT'S *EXACTLY* WHY I CAN'T RUN AWAY.

I *WON'T* TURN MY BACK ON MY PEOPLE, CAPTAIN. NOT AGAIN.

I LET THEM ALL, EVEN ORORO, CHOOSE THE *WRONG SIDE*...

SCOTT AND EMMA ARE FALLING UNDER THE PHOENIX'S DARK INFLUENCE.

I NEED TO ENSURE THAT MUTANTKIND DOESN'T FALL *WITH* THEM.

THE FLOATING ISLAND OF UTOPIA.

SHE ENJOYS HOW THEY ALL BOW TO HER.

HOW THEIR MINDS THINK ONLY GOOD THOUGHTS.

ONLY ADORATION.

EXCEPT...

YOU.

CANNONBALL.

YES...?

YOU THINK ME CRUEL?

NO...I... I DON'T.

YOUR WORDS AND YOUR THOUGHTS DON'T AGREE.

BEST IF YOU CHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS...

YES... YES, MA'AM...

DAMN IT, FROST...

WHAT, ERIK? WHAT IS YOUR COMPLAINT?

THAT'S NO WAY TO TREAT YOUR OWN KIND.

IT'S NO WAY TO TREAT ANYONE.

WE HAVE A CHANCE HERE, TO DO SOMETHING GREAT...

THE POWER TO CHANGE THE WORLD FOR ALL MUTANTKIND, AND YOU...

NO. WE DO NOT HAVE POWER.

I HAVE POWER.

AND YOU'VE FORGOTTEN YOUR PLACE, LITTLE MAN.

LET...ME... GO...

DO I NEED TO RECITE YOUR SINS TO YOU, MAGNETO?

ABSENT FATHER? TRAITOR? MURDERER?

HOW MANY OF US DIED UNDER YOUR WATCH ON GENOSHA?

HOW MANY OF MY STUDENTS?

YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO JUDGE ANYONE...

...YOU ARROGANT FOOL.

...NHHH...

AHH!

...DAMN IT...

YOU'RE WASTING MY TIME, STARK... AND IT DOESN'T MATTER.

I'LL FIND THE GIRL. THIS WHOLE CITY CAN'T STOP ME.

...MIGHT BE... MISTAKEN... ABOUT THAT...

I'M PRACTICALLY A GOD...MYSTICAL KUNG FU DOESN'T WORRY ME.

POWER LEVELS RECHARGING... 8 PERCENT...

OUTER HULL RESEALING IN FIVE POINT THREE MINUTES...

NOT FAST ENOUGH...

DON'T GET IN MY WAY AGAIN.

HELLO?!

MISTER THUNDERER?!

HEL--

AHH!

I'M *HERE*, HOPE SUMMERS...

AND IT IS TIME FOR YOUR *FINAL* LESSON.

COME OUT, HOPE!

I'M NOT HERE TO HURT YOU!

YOU EVEN BELIEVE THAT *YOURSELF*, SUMMERS...

...OR DO YOU THINK SHE'S JUST AN IDIOT?

TIME TO PAY FOR YOUR *CRIMES*, STRIPLING!

WHAT BLONDIE'S TRYIN' TA SAY IS--

HOW'S THAT FOR CLOBBERING TIME?

...NNAA...

AHHH--!

THAT... HURT...

WHAT--?

YES!

AGAIN, SHAO LAO!

SHAO LAO, THE UNDYING, SOURCE OF THE POWER OF K'UN LUN...

CARRIER OF THE IRON FIST ENERGY, ENDLESSLY REBORN...

AND WHO LEGEND SAYS ONCE DEFEATED THE PHOENIX ITSELF...

A LAST, BEST HOPE...

NO!

BUT THIS DRAGON...

NOOO!

KYAAAAIII--!

THIS ONE IS YOUNG...

TOO YOUNG...

NOT STRONG ENOUGH YET...

GAAAHH--!

...WWHH... NNNHHH...

YOU HURT ME...

THAT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN, CREATURE...

THWAAM

YOU WOULD KILL A *WOUNDED* ANIMAL?

YOU WOULD *HURT* A LITTLE GIRL?

WHERE IS YOUR *HONOR*, CYCLOPS?

YOU'RE REALLY SIDING WITH THEM... OVER YOUR OWN PEOPLE, HOPE?

WHY?

LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE HERE, SCOTT. WHY WOULD I SIDE WITH *MONSTERS*...

...WHO DESTROY *INNOCENT* PEOPLE'S LIVES?

I'M TRYING TO SAVE OUR SPECIES, GIRL!

IF THAT MAKES ME A MONSTER, THEN I'LL BE A--

STAY BACK!

UHHN--!

OH MY GOD... I ABSORBED THE DRAGON.

HOW DID I DO THAT?

THAT'S IT... NOW YOU'VE PISSED ME OFF.

HUH...
HUHH...

EASY.

HOPE!

AHH--

HE'S *HERE!*
SCOTT'S *HERE!*
AND HE'S *MORE POWERFUL* NOW AND--

AND I JUST USED *DRAGON FLAMES* AND I DON'T KNOW HOW AND--

HOPE.

IT'S OKAY...

...YOU'RE NOT ALONE NOW.

HERE HE COMES...

YOU!

EVERYONE GET *BEHIND* ME...

NICE TRY...BUT I'M **STRONGER** THAN THE LAST TIME WE MET...

THAT WAS EVERYTHING I HAD...

*YEAH...THAT'S **NOT** GOOD.*

HOPE, GET *BEHIND* US...

NOW GIVE ME THE GIRL, OR--

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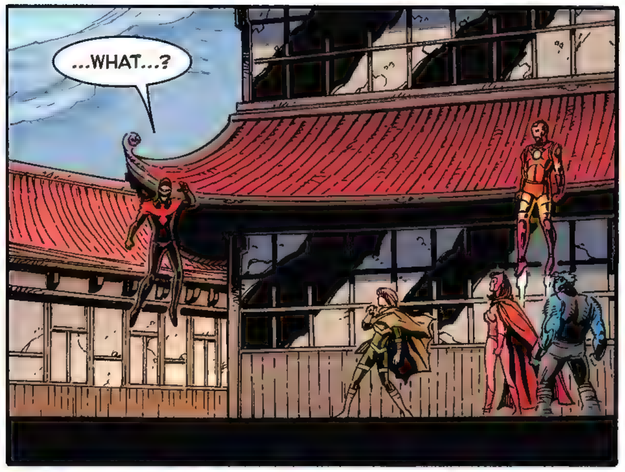
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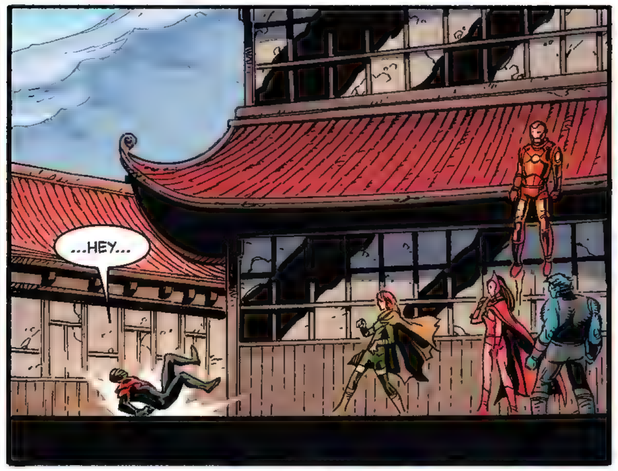
...HEY...

NO... HOW DID YOU..?

KIII-YAAAHHH--!

CHAOS FIST--FIRST EVER USAGE.
GO AWAY!

WHOA.

WHAT DID I JUST *DO?*

WHERE DID *CYCLOPS* GO?

In space, there is no sound.

But Scott Summers hears himself screaming.

It takes an hour to recover enough to stand.

And he can't stop thinking about it...

She hurt him.

That shouldn't be possible.

He needs more power.

He needs Emma.

MY GOD...

TONY, ARE YOU ALL *OKAY?*

WHAT *HAPPENED?*

WHAT *HAPPENED* WAS YOU MISSED IT *ALL*, PAL...

YOU MISSED THE *TURNING POINT.*

BECAUSE OUR GIRL *HOPE* JUST KICKED CYCLOPS'S *ASS...*

...AND I *THINK* I KNOW WHY.

UTOPIA.

WE NEED YOUR HELP HERE, OLD FRIEND.

CHARLES XAVIER...PLEASE HEAR MY THOUGHTS...

SCOTT AND EMMA... THEY'RE LOSING CONTROL.

TO BE CONTINUED IN FOUR WEEKS...!

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COMING!

GREETINGS, TRUE BELIEVERS!

WELCOME TO THE NEXT INSTALLMENT OF INFINITE COMICS, A NEW COMICS-READING EXPERIENCE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO BE READ DIGITALLY.

TO READ INFINITE COMICS PROPERLY YOU HAVE TO BE IN GUIDED VIEW. IF YOU ARE ON A MOBILE PHONE, YOU ARE ALREADY IN GUIDED VIEW. IF YOU'RE ON A TABLET, DOUBLE TAP THE SCREEN TO ENTER GUIDED VIEW. IF YOU'RE ON A WEB BROWSER, SELECT GUIDED VIEW ON THE TOOLBAR. YOU KNOW YOU'RE IN GUIDED VIEW IF ONE PANEL FADES INTO THE NEXT. TAP THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SCREEN TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE STORY AND TAP THE LEFT SIDE TO MOVE BACKWARD.

THAT'S IT! TAP THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE SCREEN AND ENJOY!

RECOMMENDED SETTINGS

TAP THE CENTER OF THE SCREEN AND THE INFORMATION BARS ON THE TOP AND THE BOTTOM WILL APPEAR.

- GIVES YOU ANY INFORMATION YOU NEED.
- LETS YOU TO MOVE TO ANY PAGE OF THE STORY.
- SHOWS SETTINGS OPTIONS.
- GIVES YOU HELP, SHOULD YOU NEED IT.

WE HAVE SOME SETTINGS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW TO BEST ENJOY THE STORY.

- MAKE SURE "ANIMATE TRANSITIONS" IS TURNED ON.
- SET THE TRANSITION SPEED TO 0.3 SECONDS.
- SELECT "DEFAULT LETTERBOXING."
- TURN BOTH "SHOW PAGE ON ENTER" AND "SHOW PAGE ON EXIT" TO OFF.

WE'RE THE ***AVENGERS.*** EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES. ASKED SIMPLY TO PROTECT ***ONE TEENAGER--*** ONE LONE MUTANT GIRL WITH WORLD-CHANGING POTENTIAL--FROM BEING CAPTURED AND WEAPONIZED BY EARTH'S MIGHTIEST ***VILLAINS.***

AND WE'RE DOING A ***LOATHSOME JOB*** OF IT.

THE *X-MEN*--FIVE OF THEM POWERED UP BY THE *PHOENIX FORCE* AND *ALL* OF THEM LED BY A GONE-INSANE *CYCLOPS*--JUST BEAT US LIKE A *DRUM CORPS*, FORCING US TO RETREAT TO *THIS* EINSTEIN-FORSAKEN PLACE--

--THE SCIENCE-UNFRIENDLY, MYSTICAL TIBETAN REALM OF *K'UN-LUN*, WHERE WE'RE OFF CYCLOPS'S *RADAR*... FOR *NOW*.

WE'RE HIDING LIKE *ANIM--*

SAY IT. I'M NOT OFFENDED.

--LIKE *ANIMALS*. BUT CYCLOPS *WILL FIND US*, HANK, AND AVENGERS DON'T *COWER*--SO THANKS FOR YOUR *HELP*.

WITCHY, YOU'RE *UP*.

"WITCHY"? TONY, WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU *SLEPT?*

DON'T WORRY ABOUT *ME*, WANDA. AM I EXUDING *PATHOS?* FINE, I'LL *STOP.*

ACTUALLY, I FEEL *GOOD.* A MERE TWENTY-EIGHT WHAT-PASSES-FOR-*COFFEE*-HERES INTO THE WORKDAY--

--AND I INVENTED A *STRATEGY* FOR OUR INEVITABLE *SHOWDOWN.* I CALL IT *"THE MAD THINKER."*

INFORMATION DETERMINES *ACTION.* LEAVE NOTHING TO *CHANCE.* NO *WING* AND A *PRAYER,* NO ROLLING *DICE.* LUCK IS NOT *RELIABLE,* HOPE IS NOT A *PLAN.*

SOUNDS *OPRAH,* I KNOW, BUT BEAR *WITH.* MY INSIGHT GAVE ME AN IDEA I NEVER *THOUGHT* OF BEFORE, AND I DIDN'T THINK THERE WERE ANY OF THOSE *LEFT.*

TILT YOUR *HEAD* A LITTLE.

FINISHED ON MY END. THIS... SHOULD BE INTERESTING.

WHAT *IS* THIS?

YOUR MAGIC, OUR ***SCIENCE.*** WE MAY FINALLY HAVE FIGURED OUT HOW TO SLEDGEHAMMER THEM ***TOGETHER.***

JUST RELAX.

TAK

GOOD. GOOD. NOW, HERE'S A QUESTION: WHO'S MOST ON YOUR *MIND* RIGHT NOW?

OH!

CYCLOPS... *VISION!* I WAS-- *THINKING* OF THEM-- *AM* THINKING OF THEM--

I DON'T LIKE THIS. TONY, WHAT *IS* THIS DEVICE?

IT HAS *TWO* FUNCTIONS.

ONE, IT *DOES* SPY A SLIGHT LITTLE BIT ON YOUR *THOUGHTS* AND *PROJECT* THEM--

--HANK, IF YOU WILL--?

OUI.

TAK TAK

WHAT?

--AND *TWO*--

UPLOADING

--IT CAN FEED, DIRECTLY INTO YOUR ***SUBCONSCIOUS***, ALL OF THE ***DATA*** I CAN THINK TO ***GATHER*** ABOUT THE COMING ***BATTLEGROUND K'UN LUN.***

FROM OBSERVED POWER LEVELS OF THE PHOENIX-POSSESSED, TO ALL THEIR ALLIES, TO ALL THE AVENGERS AND ***OUR*** ALLIES...

UPLOADING

...TO THE TEMPERATURE OUTSIDE TO THE WIND DIRECTION TO *EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING* THAT MIGHT *POSSIBLY* BE A FACTOR IN THE COMING BATTLE.

WHAT ARE *ALL THE POTENTIAL* VARIABLES WHEN THE X-MEN EVENTUALLY *FIND* US HERE? WHICH ONES CAN WE *CONTROL* TO OUR *BENEFIT?* MOST IMPORTANTLY...

...HOW CAN WE *FORESEE* THE *PROBABILITIES?*

TONY, HOW DO *I* PLAY INTO--

AH. THE *"MAGIC"* WORD. *"PROBABILITIES."*

UPLOADIN

YOUR HEXES ARE, AT CORE, ***PROBABILITY-ALTERING FIELDS.*** SO HANK AND I ARE ASKING YOU TO CAST ONE ON ***YOURSELF.***

HOPEFULLY, THAT WILL CREATE A ***LAPLACE-REICHENBACH PREDICTABILITY MATRIX*** WHERE P(A\B) P(A∩B)

--A FEEDBACK LOOP ON THE DATA THAT WILL PREDICT ALL THE HUNDREDS OF POTENTIAL OUTCOMES OF BATTLE--

--HELPING US TO WINNOW OUR CHOICES DOWN TO THE ONES THAT LEAD TO VICTORY.

SO LONG AS I'M WILLING TO FREELY AND WITHOUT RESERVATION PROJECT MY ***INNERMOST THOUGHTS*** FOR ***PUBLIC EXAMINATION.***

ALTERNATELY, WE ALL *DIE* *SCREA*

I'LL DO IT.

THANK YOU.

WHENEVER YOU'RE *READY*, TURN YOUR HEX POWER *INWARD* AND LET THE *SHINY HAT* DO THE *REST*.

WOW.

OKAY.

YEAH. YEAH. THIS IS *GREAT.* *PLENTY* OF MAYBES TO *CHOOSE* FROM. HANK, YOU TAKING *NOTES?*

INDUBITABLY.

SOME SEEM STRONGER AND MORE FAVORED TOWARD *US.* I NEED YOU TO FOCUS ON *THOSE.*

GOOD.

IT APPEARS THAT ANYTHING THAT ISN'T AN ***INSTANT EXTINCTION EVENT*** REVOLVES AROUND THE SMARTEST CHOICES MADE BY ***THREE*** OF US.

ME, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. GENIUS, BRILLIANT COMBATANT, ETC.

THOR, THE *GOD* AMONG US.

AND WOLVERINE, WHO KNOWS CYCLOPS BETTER THAN *ANYONE* ON OUR SIDE.

PLAY THEM OUT.

ZARK

ZARK

KRASHH

CLAK

TMP

SHOW YOURSELF.

FSSSSH

WHAM

THOR'S DOWN AND I JUST WATCHED MYSELF DIE.
THAT LEAVES ONE AVENGER STANDING.

YOU 'N' *ME*, SUMMERS.

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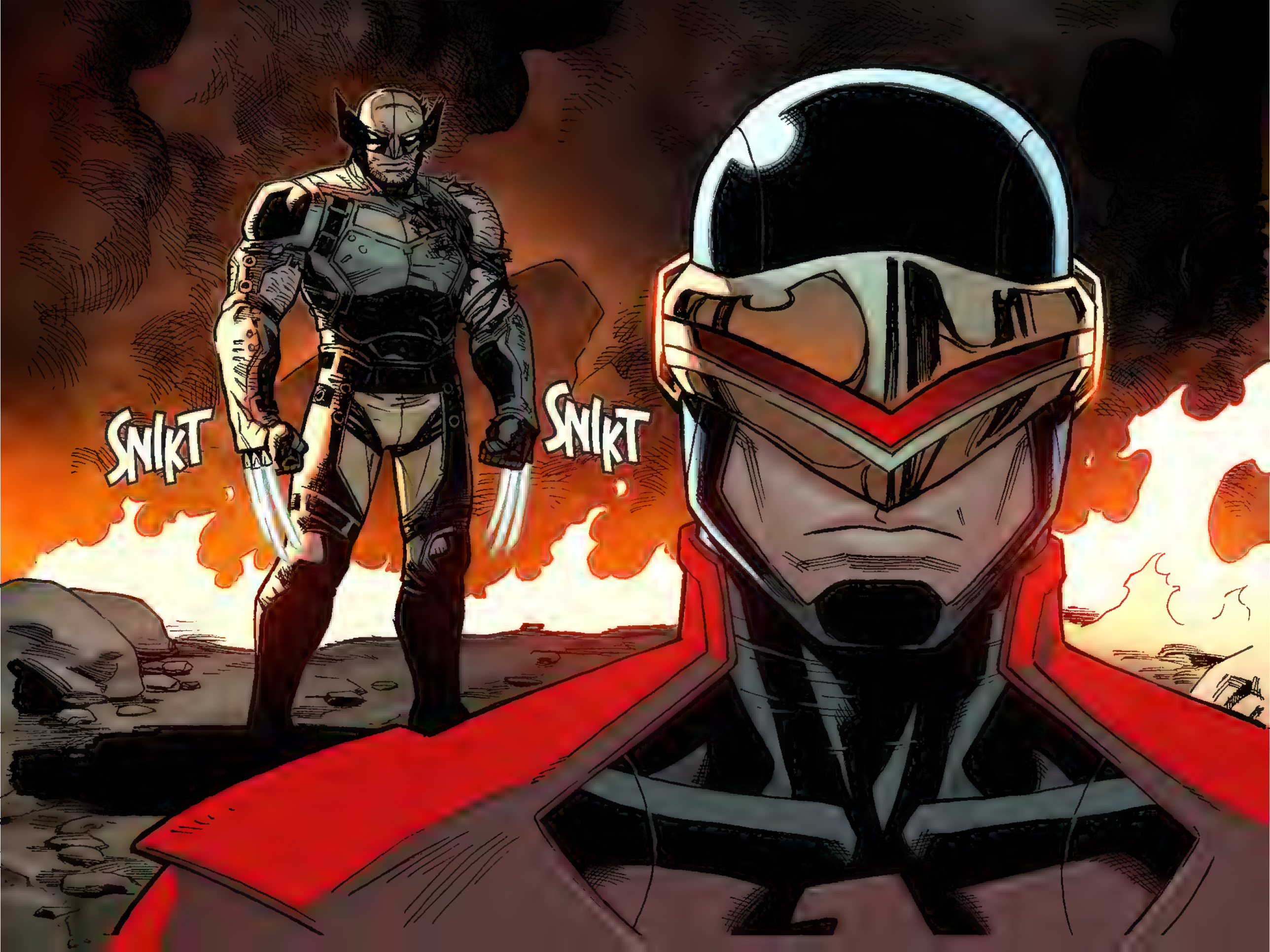
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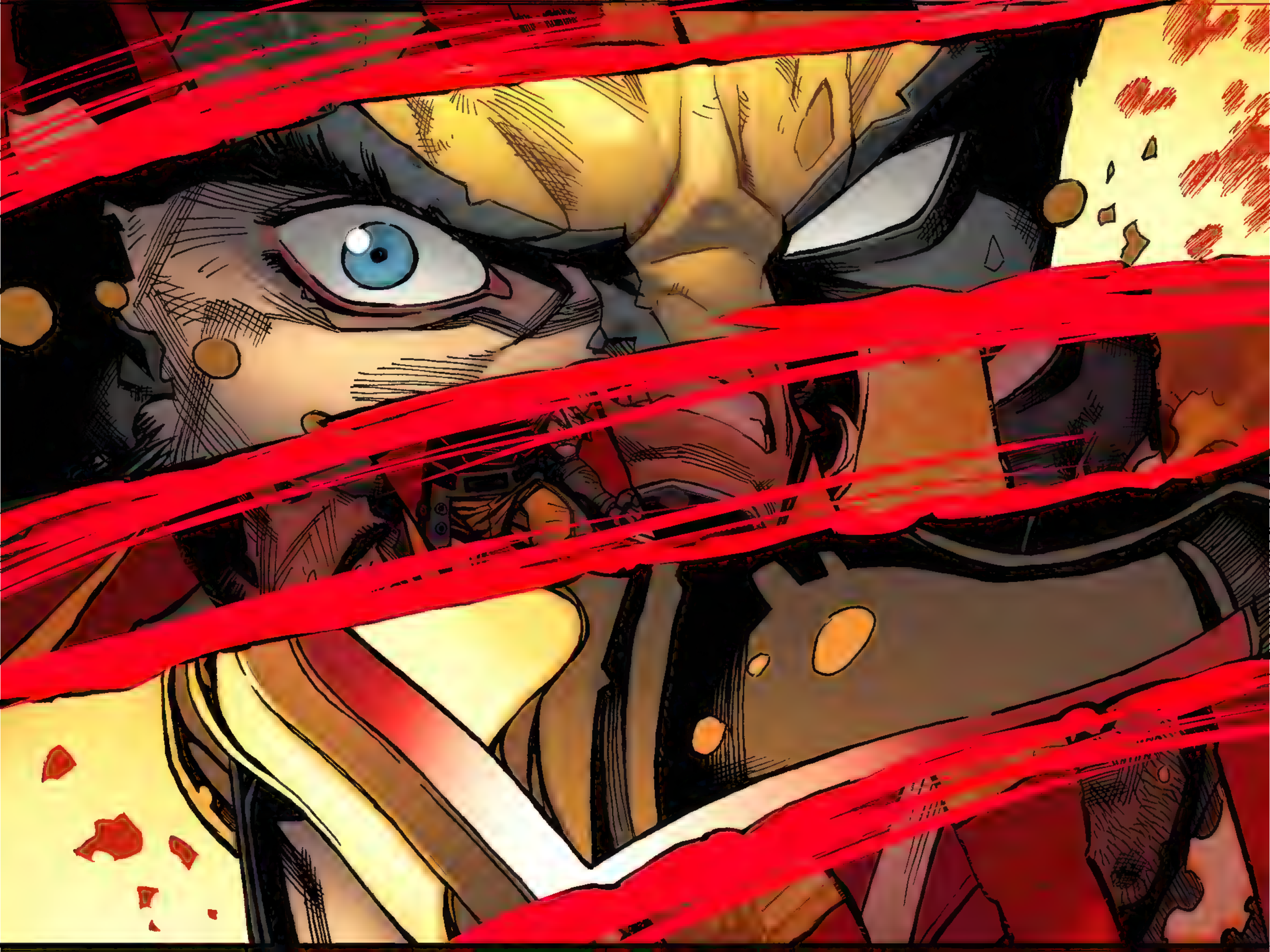

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WELL, THEN.

MAYBE...MAYBE I FAILED TO ACCOUNT FOR SOMETHING... SOMEONE... MAYBE--

LIKE WHO, TONY? LIKE WHAT?

WE SAW THE GRAND FINALE WITH OUR OWN EYES.

WE ARE UTTERLY WITHOUT HOPE.

DID I HEAR MY NAME?

SORRY TO *INTERRUPT*--I REALIZE EVERYONE HAS A LOT ON THEIR *PLATE*--BUT I'M STARTING TO GET A *COMPLEX*, Y'KNOW?

JUST BECAUSE I'M *IN TRAINING* RATHER THAN ON THE *FRONT LINES*, SOMETIMES I THINK YOU GUYS FORGET ALL *ABOUT* ME.

!

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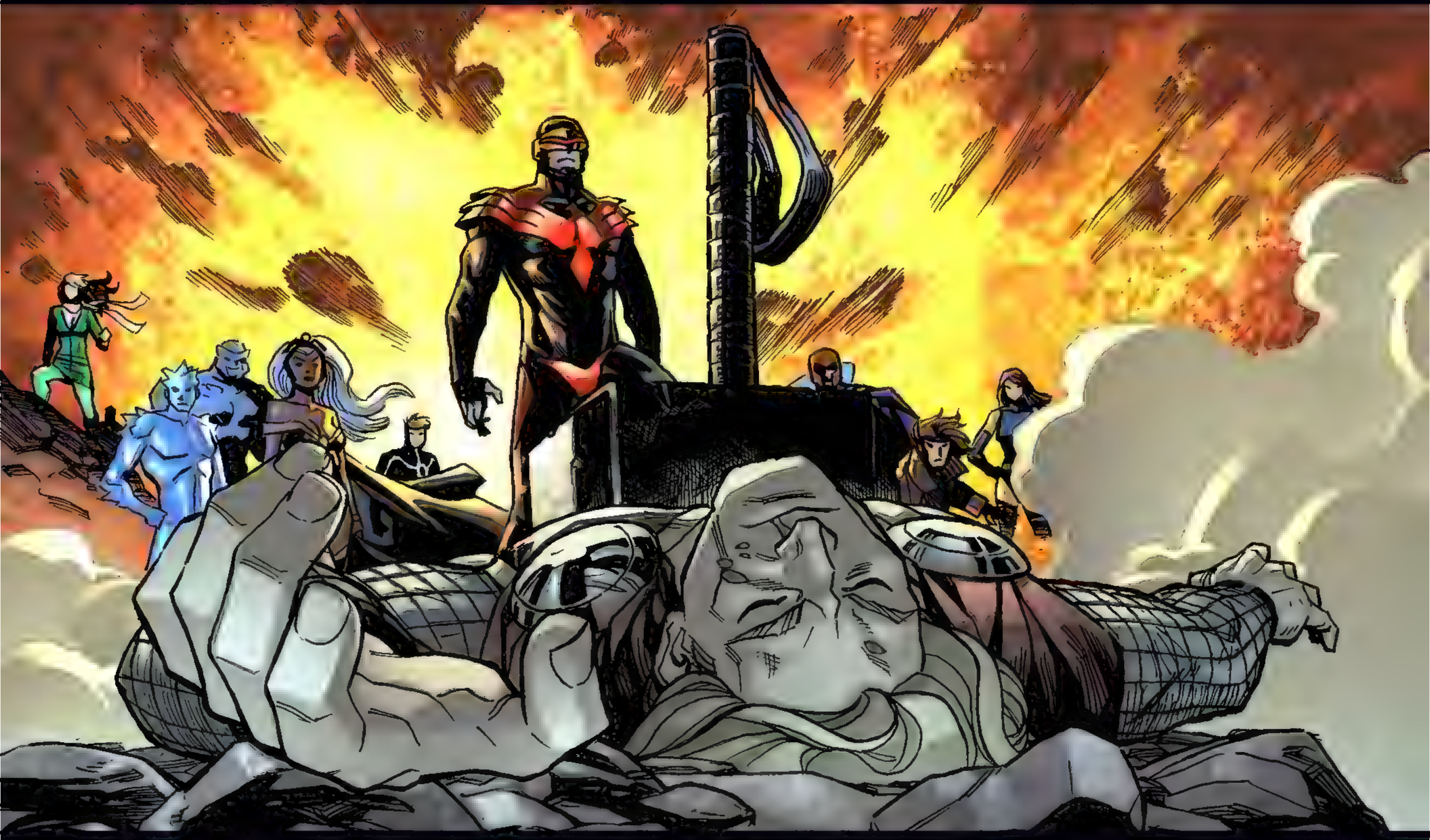
HOPE...?



YOU...
...FORGOT...
HOPE, THE GIRL. THE ONE THIS ENTIRE WAR REVOLVES AROUND. I'M SO WORRIED ABOUT PROTECTING HER THAT, IN MY FATIGUE--
HELLO?
--I FAILED TO FACTOR HER IN.

AND THAT CHANGES *EVERYTHING.*

I DON'T KNOW *HOW...* I DON'T KNOW *WHY...*BUT HOPE IS *NOT* A *PLAN.*

AND THAT CHANGES *EVERYTHING.*

I DON'T KNOW *HOW...* I DON'T KNOW *WHY...*BUT HOPE IS *NOT* A *PLAN.*

SHE'S *THE* PLAN.

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